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Transfer of Indian Medical Service officers on civil duty to the military service.

* 1216-B Q.—Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether this Government intend to give effect to the recommendation of the Lee Commission that a particular number of Indian Medical Service officers now on civil duty in this province be transferred to the military service; and if so, how many Indian Medical Service officers are to be so transferred, and if so, from what date; and

(b) if the answer to clause (a) is in the negative, the reasons for not giving effect to the recommendations?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the press communiqué issued by the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands, on the 10th May 1928, which contains the details of a scheme sanctioned by the Secretary of State for the re-organization of the Indian Medical Service. This Government are now in correspondence with the Government of India regarding the reversion to the Military department of four Indian Medical Service officers who have not acquired a right to permanent employment in the Civil Medical department in this Presidency.

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu:—"In the second sentence of the answer given to this question it is stated: "This Government are now in correspondence with the Government of India regarding the reversion to the Military department of four Indian Medical Service officers who have not acquired a right to permanent employment in the Civil Medical department in this Presidency. May I know whether this question will be decided before the end of this financial year?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"That lies with the Government of India."

Opening of a separate Medical College for Women in this Presidency.

1217 Q.—Dr. B. S. Mallayya: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government propose to open a separate Medical College for women in this Presidency; and

(b) whether there is any proposal to raise the Lady Willingdon Medical School to a College?

A.—(a) & (b) There are no such proposals.

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—"May I know from the hon. Minister whether the Government are contributing actually about 5 to 13 lakhs of rupees for opening a new Medical College at Vellore?"

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar:—"If the question is whether the Government propose to open a medical college at Vellore, then the answer is 'No'."

Dr. B. S. Mallayya:—"I want to know, if they are not going to open a college themselves, whether they are not going to contribute a large sum to a missionary institution who are opening a medical college there."